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OAKLAND TEMPLE ANNOUNCED!

Project Leaders

O. Leslie Stone, David B. Haight Committee Heads

President David O. McKay named O. Leslie Stone, president of Oakland-Berkeley Stake, a chairman of the Oakland Temple planning committee, with David B. Haight, president of Palo Alto Stake, as vice chairman. Other executive members of the committee are Carroll W. Smith, president of the Klamath (Oregon) Stake and Dallas A. Tueller, president of Fresno Stake.

BUSINESSMEN

President Stone is president of the Skaggs-Stone wholesale distribution company in Oakland, and President Haight owns the Palo Alto Hardware Company.

Both these men are recognized leaders in community and business affairs. They were business neighbors some time ago when President Haight held a key position with the Montgomery Ward Co. of Oakland, a few blocks from the Skaggs-Stone warehouse.

FIRST DONOR

President Stone received the first contribution to the temple building fund minutes after the committee was organized. The donor was his second counselor, W. Paul Summerhays.

Elder Summerhays had a purpose. He wanted to follow in the footsteps of his uncle, Clyde J. Summerhays, who once served in the presidency of the old Oakland Stake. Elder Clyde Summerhays, in 1942, had the honor of making the first contribution to the temple building site.

TRAVEL COSTS

The Klamath Stake president, Carroll W. Smith, said, "We have made an estimate of the annual expenditures for transportation to do temple work and it is estimated at $10,000. We are situated where we have a choice of three temples, St. George, Salt Lake or Los Angeles."

Another Stake president said, "It costs our people $450 to hire a bus to go to the Los Angeles temple to do ordinance work. The most that can be accomplished during the brief visit is about three

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IMPRESSIVE SPIRE — Church President David O. McKay showsa drawing of new Temple to O. Leslie Stone, project chairman.
—Ed Pyle Photo

Sunset Ward

Duty to God Award Pinned on Youth, John Storheim, While on Holiday

By Jean Lauper

When John Storheim was home from the Brigham Young University at Christmas, his mother, Marie Storheim, had the pleasure of pinning on him a Duty to God pin, which John earned through 100% participation in his priesthood activities during the past 4 years.

Virginia Pearson has been called to be the chorister of the Sunday School, following the release of Vern Terry. Sister Pearson has been assistant chorister for some time.

The position of magazine representative of the Relief Society, left vacant at the illness of Charlotte Spencer, has been filled by Marjorie Mayfield.

Ethel and Ralph Ball recently returned from a combined business and vacation trip to Phoenix, Arizona. They spent their Christmas holidays in Seattle with their children.

Louise Stoddard has been in Quincy for several weeks visiting her sister, Dorothy Haymond Gill, who will soon return with her for a visit here.

Due to the pressure of study, Philip Jenkins, who is in his 3rd year of dental school, has been released from his position as superintendent of the MIA. His place has been filled by Robert Mason, who was released just a few months ago after filling a mission in Northern California, and is now making his home in Sunset Ward.

Caron Smith, a senior at Abraham Lincoln High School, has been elected student body secretary. She has filled many positions in student government during her school years.

SISTER SPENCER

Charlotte Hodson Spencer, a member of the Sunset Ward, passed away Jan. 4, after six weeks in the hospital following surgery. Sister Spencer who was loved and

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$2 Million Construction Starts Next Year, President McKay Says

By NELL SMITH

A long awaited dream of Latter-day Saints of Northern California became a reality this month when President David O. McKay announced plans for the building of a temple adjacent to the East Bay Interstake Center in Oakland.

Addressing a gathering of nineteen stake presidencies who had been called to hear the announcement, President McKay said that a temple for this district had been given precedent after his observations while attending the Interstake Center dedication.

The prophet then presented an architect's drawing of the building for the approval and acceptance of those present. The design showed a modern building with a single spire on a central tower. Mounted on top of the spire will be a torch-like beacon which will shoot a huge beam of light skyward at night. The central spire will rise to a height of 180 feet from the base line. The main structure will be approximately 48 feet to the square, over-length 195 feet, width 185, with approximately 60,000 square feet of floor space.

LARGE CAPACITY

With a capacity for ordinance work equal to that of the Los Angeles or Salt Lake Temple, the building will be of reinforced concrete, faced with stone, completely fire-proof and earthquake-proof. Elder Harold W. Burton, supervising church architect, is designing the plans and construction will be directed by the LDS Building Committee.

It is estimated that it would take at least a year to complete the drawing of the plans but construction would begin immediately from that date. Cost of construction was set in the excess of two million dollars.

The proposed plan was unanimously approved by the brethern. In addition they pledged the district to raising a minimum of $500,000 of the construction costs.

President O. Leslie Stone, Oakland-Berkeley Stake, was sustained as chairman of a planning committee with President David B. Haight, Palo Alto Stake, as vice-chairman and President Carroll W. Smith, Klamath (Oregon) Stake, and President Dallas A. Tueller, Fresno Stake, executive members.

TEMPLE DISTRICT

The "Oakland Temple District," the offical title pronounced by President McKay, includes the following 19 stakes: American River, Fresno, Gridley, Hayward, Klamath, Monterey Bay, Napa, North Sacramento, Oakland-Berkeley, Palo Alto, Redding, Reno, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Jose, San Mateo, Santa

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Centerville Ward

Temple Work Done For 400 Persons On 1960 Excursions

By Verona Alvord

Nearly 400 endowments were perpetuated by the members of Centerville Ward last year in the Los Angeles Temple. In reviewing this record of performance the cooperation of the bishopric is listed as the foremost factor.

Traveling as a group by bus to and from the temple promotes a spiritual experience which is otherwise unavailable. This has had an influence on the greater interest in genealogy research among the ward members.

The temple excursion which will be held Feb. 25, will be the sixth consecutive group to go by bus.

The genealogy committee is headed by Melvin Payne. He has been assisted by Donald Beck of the bishopric in arranging the excursions.

CHILD'S FUNERAL

Funeral services were held Wed., Jan. 18, for Gary Allen Miller, the six-year-old son of Eva Miller McDowell.

During last month James Stewart Stephans III, David Lee Richardson, Jeffrey J. Schoenfeld, Ronald Alton Meeks and Clyde Martin Berry were all ordained deacons. Alton Cois Meeks was also ordained a deacon in the senior group.

Lorna Jean McKown and Shirleen Weight were confirmed last month. New members of the ward are Grace Ann and Joe Kohl Bellows.

CONCERT GROUP—The San Francisco Stake Women's Chorus which gave a highly successful concert in December will soon begin rehearsals for a second concert to be presented in May. As the previous one, this too will benefit the building fund for the new San Francisco Stake House. Singers in the stake who would care to join this chorus are invited by the director, Jean Lauper, left front, to inquire of her for particulars. Seated, right, is Bonnie Lauper, accompanist. Not in the picture are 14 others.

Pittsburgh Ward

Eagle Court 1st In Wal. Cr. Stake, 3 Boys Honored

By VELDA COFFIN

Three Pittsburg and Antioch youths have received Eagle Scout awards in the first Eagle Court of Honor conducted in the Walnut Creek Stake of the Church on Dec. 27.

The scouts, members of Pittsburg Troop No. 195, Pittsburg Ward, are Alan Nicol, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chase Nicol of Pittsburg; Larry Peters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peters of Pittsburg, and David Smith, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Smith of Antioch.

The Nicol youth also received a Scout Life Guard special award.

50-MILE HIKE

An award for a 50-mile Sierra hike went to Pleasant Hill Troop No. 240, by Dr. Bert Wheable. Members who took part are Mike Stevenson, Brent Coffin, Jeff Krumperman, Greg Hennefer, Mike Wheable, Paul Krumperman, Kimo Wood and Bruce Alger.

The rank of Star Scout was awarded to Roger Hatch, Michael Wheable and Brent Coffin of Pleasant Hill Ward; Marvin Graham, Steven Bush, Alan Haggard and James Peters of Pittsburg Ward; Dennis Clark and Russell Krey of Walnut Creek Ward.

Derrill Dalby of Walnut Creek and Mike Stevenson of Pleasant Hill were made Life Scouts.

Walter or "Wally" Scott of Pleasant Hill is scoutmaster for Walnut Creek Stake.

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TOUR LEADERS—Dr. Truman G. Madsen, left, and Lynn McKinlay will direct a summer Church History Tour. Behind them is a drawing of the Kirtland Temple.

Richmond Ward

Richmond Chapel Completion Near, Bishop Harold de la Mare Reports

By Rita Hall

Bishop Harold de La Mare of the Richmond Ward is hopefully looking forward to the completion of the new Richmond Ward chapel at 330 Carlston Street, Richmond, California in the near future.

The landscaping, floor laying, and finish painting are being rapidly completed by the ward volunteers and the sub-contractors. Current plans call for the 1000 members to move into the new building about Feb. 17.

A formal inaugural ball with a dinner preceeding will open the building to the public on Friday, Feb. 17, between 6:30 and 11:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin W. Hall, chairmen of the event, announced that a "Happy Hour" between 6:30 and 7:30 will give visitors an opportunity to inspect the new $400,000 builing and to hear the new organ played. The elders quorum under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McIntyre will be in charge of the pre-dinner dips and chips.

CABARET DINNER

Dinner in a cabaret manner will be served betwen 7:30 and 8:30 under the direction of the ward Relief Society headed by Mrs. Wallace J. Wrightman, Mrs. John O'Conner, and Mrs. Melvin E. Parsons. The Primary organization under the leadership of Mrs. Bert Barker will arrange and decorate the tables. The YWMIA under Mrs. Elveida Coats will serve the dinner. Dancing to Bill Carpenter's Orchestra will be supervised by Mr. and Mrs. Reese Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Genzer, and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Olson. Ernest Henderson and the MIA officers and teachers will plan the floor show between 9:30 and 10:30 p.m. Dance programs are being made by the Mia Maids directed by Mrs. J. Olen Browon. The Sunday School officers and teachers will clean up.

A special invitation is extended to all former Richmond and East Richmond Ward members, to the families of all ward members and to all interested people to join in the festive opening of the building.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Amtuft, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Esperson, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Giovanni, Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Child, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ashcroft, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Genzler, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Moreley, and Mr. and Mrs. Del Carmen are serving as a welcoming committee for the wards friends.

Persons desiring more information are urged to contact Rita Hall at LA 4-4225, Carolyn de La Mare at BE 4-5044, Emma Amtuft at BE 4-6056, or Thelma Giovanini at BE 4-6473.

OTHER EVENTS

Several other events are being planned for the same period, including a public open house for the chapel's neighbors, the contractors, and public officials are being planned for the same period.

The ward finance committee said that they want to publicly thank those who purchased Christmas trees at the lot in the old stake cannery site. Under the supervision of Lucy and Reece Thompson, over $1100 in profit was realized for the ward building fund. Plans are underway for another Christmas tree campaign to open about Dec. 1.

Three large fund raising events for the welfare assessment and building fund project will replace the usual monthly welfare dinners. These will include the Spring Festival on Friday, May 19, the Fall Festival on Friday, Sept. 15, and the annual bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 4. Bishop de La Mare requests that the ward members note these dates on their calendars.

Visitors will be warmly welcomed at the new building after about Feb. 17, when all the floors will be finished.

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Hayward 2nd Ward

Hayward Chapel Fund Swelling, 1961 Completion Seen by Bishops

By Katie R. Brown

The Hayward 2nd and 3rd Wards have completed payment of $10,890 for their lot on Gading Road in Hayward. Generous pledges have been made by members of the two wards which, if met, will enable the two-ward chapel to be completed and ready for use in 1961.

The two Hayward Wards claim the distinction of being two of the fastest growing wards in the Church due to growth in this area both within and out of the ranks, (families averaging from 6 to 8 members as well as the rewarding results of stake and full-time missionaries in the area). With this great growth in membership the need for a chapel is keenly felt. The Hayward Ward has been generous with its facilities but the three wards have kept it on a round-the-clock schedule.

Bishop Quentin F. Hunter of the Hayward 2nd Ward and Bishop Richard McDonald of Hayward 3rd Ward have encouraged ward auxiliary organizations as well as individuals to sponsor projects and functions which will implement the building fund.

Progressive dinner groups were organized with five or six families in a group rotating from home to home each month with the contributions going toward the building fund.

The Sunday School, Primary, MIA and Relief Society have sponsored cake sales, bazaars and rummage sales all with the idea of expanding the building fund. The Sunday School children have donated their pennies and dimes and presented the Bishop checks at various times for the new ward chapel. Hayward 2nd and 3rd wards together are building two large duplexes across the street from the Centerville Chapel, profits of which will be added to the building fund. Prospective buyers for these two fine buildings are being sought.

With the inspiration, determination and cooperation of the ward members and the help of the Lord, the building program will continue to progress to its completion at the end of this year, the bishops said.

BYU Tour

Church History Trip Flies Pioneer Route; Applications Due

Registrations are being accepted for the 11th annual Church History tour set the first week in August and sponsored by the Brigham Young University Travel-Study Tours.

The tour will begin in Los Angeles on Aug. 2, from where they will fly to Salt Lake City to meet the tour members assembled there that same day. It will terminate in those same cities on August 8. The deadline for registration is February.

Beginning at the Prophet Joseph Smith's birthplace in Vermont the tour will follow chronologically the history and development of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It will offer a unique opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of the places where the historic events took place.

From Vermont the group will follow by air the approximate route the Church took in its gradual move, visiting the Sacred Grove and attending the Cumorah Pageant.

After spending a day in New York City, they will fly to Ohio, Missouri and Illinois, visiting Kirtland and the temple, Independence, Adam-ondi-Ahman, Liberty Jail, Nauvoo, Carthage Jail, as well as many other places which are landmarks in Church history. They also will visit homes of many of the early Church leaders.

Directing the program will be Dr. Truman G. Madsen, chairman of the Department of History and Philosophy of Religion at BYU, and Lynn McKinlay, speech instructor. Dr. Madsen has filled an LDS mission in the Eastern states and has done graduate work at Harvard University which has given him a background of the area. Mr. McKinlay is a widely-known lecturer, radio and television figure, and author of several books on religious themes.

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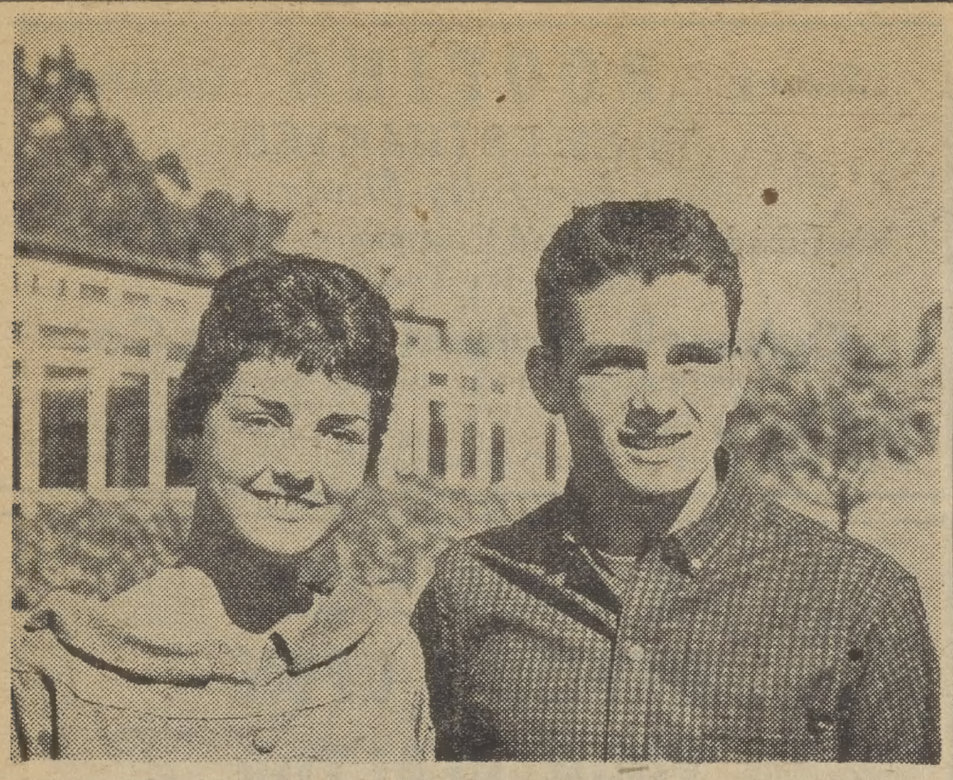


TWINNERS—Patricia and Michael Lee win awards, recognition.

Walnut Creek Ward

Twins Recognized for Achievements In School, Athletics, Leadership

Patricia and Michael Earl Lee, twin children of Mr. and Mrs. William Earl Lee of Walnut Creek Ward, have been honored recently for their achievement in school and community life.

Pat, a senior at Las Lomas High School, has been selected by the faculty for the Daughters of th American Revolution Good Citizen's Award. She will be honored in Walnut Creek and will receive a pin and certificate of award. She also will be eligible to enter in competition for further honors on a state basis by taking a test in American History and Civics and by submitting an activity report.

She was chosen for the following reasons: Dependability-truthfulness, loyalty and punctuality, service-cooperation, courtesy, and consideration for others, leadership-personality, self-control, ability to assume responsibility.

Pat is a cheerleader and was recently chosen Football Queen.

She just completed a year as president of Genista, a club of volunteer workers who work with adult groups associated with the Childrens' Hospital of the East Bay. Twice a month Genista presidents meet at the hospital to coordinate activities. The club made favors and decorations and had many fund raising activities for the good of the hospital.

Pat has earned four individual awards, is an Honor Bee, a Mia Joy, and a seminary graduate. She was one of the speakers at last year's seminary graduation. Pat plans to attend college next year.

Patricia and her twin brother Michael were featured as Knight and Lady in the first issue of the monthly school paper.

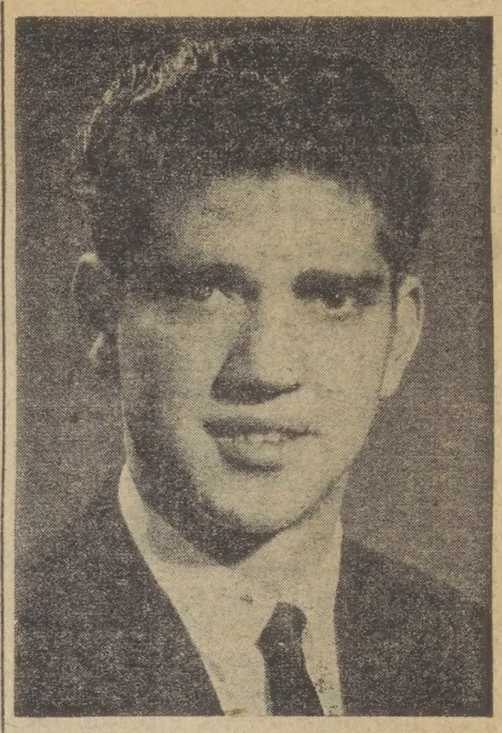
Mike and his Dad went to a Fathers and Sons meeting in Berkeley for boys who had attended "The Fellowship of Christian Athletes Conference" at Estes Park, Colorado, last fall. They saw the film "Springboard" made at the conference which is being shown around the nation at schools and civic clubs..

Mike participates in the Church athletic program, playing basketball and softball. He has earned five individual awards, is a star scout, graduated from seminary and is now working on his Duty to God award. Next year he plans to attend college and major in engineering.

Michael was chosen as one of two boys from Las Lomas to attend the conference. The honor came as a result of his athletic accomplishments in earning letters in football, wrestling, and track. He served as wrestling captain, winning the league and division championship; was all league honorable mention in football; and placed fifth in the league pole vault.

The week-long conference was for high school and college boys from all western states. There were over 66 there. The boys were sponsored by civic clubs. Mike's sponsor was the Walnut Creek Rotary Club. He was a guest of the club before the conference and then again afterward to give a talk on his experiences.

The interdenominational conference was a combination of religion and athletics. Many outstanding athletes were there to talk in the morning religious exercises and then gave instruction in the athletic program that followed. Some of the men who most impressed Mike were Don Moomaw, three time All American football player; Frank Broyles, head football coach at the University of Arkansas; Bob Pettit, basketball player of the St. Louis Hawks; and Mike Lewis, sixth in the national shot put. The theme as stated by top athletes was that living a Christian life helped them excel in athletics.



Elder George W. Parsons

Martinez Ward

So. Seas Mission For G.W. Parsons

By Afton Hipwell

Martinez Ward and Walnut Creek Stake held a farewell testimonial Jan. 1 in honor of Elder George Wilbur Parsons, who has departed for the French Polynesian Mission.

Elder Parsons was born Feb. 22, 1921, in Manhattan, Kansas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Parsons. He moved to California while young and attended local schools. He graduated from Alhambra high in 1959. She attended Diablo Valley College one year, and was employed by Chevrolet Auto prior to going on his mission.

George was very active in the Martinez Ward. He was secretary of his priesthood quorum, and chairman of fireside. At one time he was president of the Stake Junior M Men.

Elder Parsons was released as 1st counselor to the Superintendent of Sunday School prior to his departure.

Elder Parsons was met by his parents and six brothers and sisters in Los Angeles, where they went to the Temple, Jan. 14, and were sealed.

Gordon V. Barney is at home after surgery. Richard Tyler is now at home, building up for surgery.

Sister Geraldine B. Ingram has been released as Primary President, as have her counselors, Twilla Graves, and Patsy Moore. Ill health was the reason. The new president is Cheryl E. Cooper, her counselors are Twilla Graves, and Dorothy Cottam.

Balboa 2nd Ward

Youngsters Feed Ward; Fatten Fund

By Lona Hawkins

The young people of Balboa 2nd Ward, using "Youth Goes To Work" as their theme, took the opportunity to show to the ward members that when they have the chance, they can handle responsibility. With the Priest's Quorum spearheading the drive, the young folks were hosts at the last Building Fund Dinner. They are so pleased with themselves and the support that they received, that they have planned a repeat performance in the near future.

Rebecca Clark, daughter of Don and Donna Clark was recently blessed by her father.

The Relief Society, at their recent Bazaar, held a preview of the Rummage Sale that was held on January 13 and 14. A substantial contribution was made to the Relief Society funds.

BISHOP MOVES

At Sacrament Meeting on January 15, we received the bad news that Bishop Brooks Cope's company is transferring him to Los Angeles. He will have left San Francisco before this issue goes to press. President Ensign stated that there may be a time lapse before a new bishop is appointed. In the order of authority in the priesthood, however, John O. Breckon, first counselor to Bishop Cope, will be acting bishop in the interim.

The Junior Genealogy group of the ward is meeting on Thursday evenings at the home of Fred and Enid Cairns, 234 Oriente St. All those of the approximate ages of 12 to 112 are invited to participate.

Sister Lona Hawkins has completed the editing of "The Archeological Evidences of the Book of Mormon" by Thomas S. Ferguson, which was tape recorded at last year's Leadership Week, and will share it with anyone interested.

San Francisco Stake

Elder Eldon Tanner At S.F. Conference

Elder N. Eldon Tanner, an Assistant to the Council of Twelve Apostles, and Elder Donald Ellsworth, a member of the Church Welfare Committee of the Church of Jesus Christ of Uatter-day Saints in Salt Lake City, were the featured speakers Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 7 and 8, in the San Francisco Stake conference.

Sunday's general sessions were held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Stake House, 22nd Ave. and Lawton St., San Francisco.

Conducting the conference was Stake President Irven G. Derrick, 408 Skyline Dr., Daly City, California.

Elder Tanner was a prominent Canadian oil executive and civic leader, serving in the Alberta Legislature as Minister of Lands and Mines. He was called to his present church position on October 9, 1960.

Elder Ellsworth is a director of the Church Welfare Plan.

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Sunset Ward

Pearson-Weise Betrothal Told At Birthday Fete

Judith Dale Pearson had an exciting 21st birthday Dec. 18, since her engagement was announced at the same time. She will marry Loy L. Weise, according to the announcement of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde V. L. Pearson of Sunset Ward. Judy's paternal grandfather was the late R. Vance Pearson, Bishop of Balboa Ward for many years. Her maternal grandfather is Charles C. Friel of the Regional Welfare Committee. Judy has been drama director for the MIA of Sunset Ward and a counselor at the Stake YWMIA Liahona summer camp.

BOTH TO TEACH

The couple are now attending San Francisco State College preparing for teaching careers. Judy graduated from State last June with a Bachelor of Arts degree in drama-speech. She is now doing graduate work and will receive her secondary credential in June. She has been active in the drama and speech department on campus and is a member of the college drama club. She is secretary of the local unit of Phi Beta, a national service fraternity for college women participating in the fields of drama, dance and music. She also studies ballet at the Jean Hart academy of dancing, an associate of the royal academy of dancing, in London.

Loy received a degree of Bachelor of Science from the University of California at Berkeley. He is working on his masters degree in physics enabling him to teach Junior College in the fall. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Conrad H. Wiese of Alameda.

Sunset Ward

New Year Troth, Spring Wedding For Karen Ray

A Happy New Year is forecast for Karen Ray of Sunset Ward. On New Year's Eve she received a diamond ring and became engaged to marry James Roberts of Provo, Utah.

Karen is the daughter of Evan and Alice Ray who have been members of San Francisco Stake since it was organized. Elder Ray has been a stake clerk for a number of years. Karen's older brother, Evan Jr., is filling a mission in Uruguay. She has two sisters, Ellen and Linda and a younger brother Joseph. She has been at the Brigham Young University for four years, majoring in home economics, and will be graduated in June.

Miss Karen Ray

A temple marriage has been planned for March, following which Karen and her husband will visit San Francisco on their honeymoon and be honored at a reception given by her parents.

Sunset Ward

Sister Spencer Dies in Surgery

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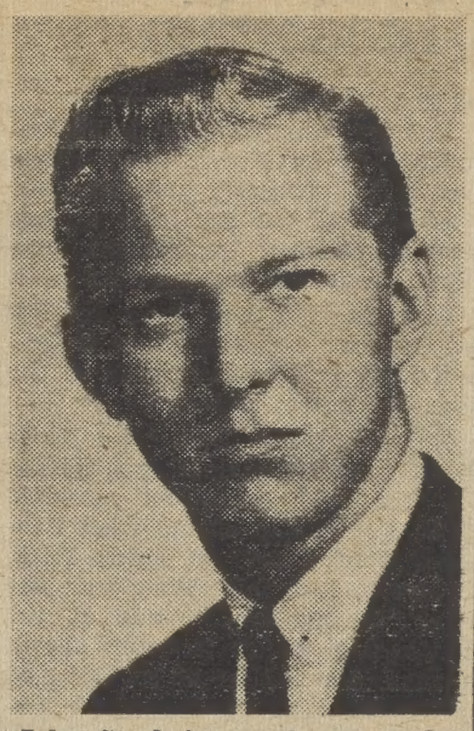

John Storheim receives award

Miss Judith Dale Pearson

respected by her many friends and associates, was born in Salt Lake City in 1886, where she also grew up and was married. She was a descendent of faithful and strong pioneer stock, some of her ancestors having walked across the plains.

In 1927 the Spencers moved to Honolulu, but returned a year later to make their home in San Francisco. Here Sister Spencer became a devoted worker in the church. She served as a primary teacher, ward president and finally as first counselor in the stake Primary organization. She was a charter member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, serving for several years as captain of the Golden Gate Camp. For three years she was president of the county Company, made up of seven camps. While in this organization she assisted in dedicating the memorial plaque honoring the ship Brooklyn which landed in San Francisco in 1846. This was placed at Battery and Broadway Streets by the DUP in 1940. One of the passengers on the Brooklyn was a grandfather of Sister Spencer.

SUCCESSFUL WOMAN

A keen and successful businesswoman, Sister Spencer succeeded her husband, Fred Spencer, as head of his large plumbing contracting firm upon his death in 1954.

With her at all times during her last illness were her devoted children, Bernice Shaw and William Spencer of San Francisco, Nana Berman of Hillsborough and La Prele Kono of Honolulu. She is also survived by ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren, six sisters and one brother.

Funeral services were held Jan. 6, with Bishop Clarence Giles conducting. President Willard B. Barton and Serge J. Lauper were speakers, with music by Lucille Blake and Jane Steed. Interment was in Cypress Lawn Cemetery beside her husband.

After living in Sunset Ward for 14 years, Roxie Kanzler has moved to the East Bay to make her home. While here she took a very active part in ward affairs, and held many positions. She is a past president of the Sunset Ward Relief Society.

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BURLINGAME BRIDE—Susan Joan Edwards will become Mrs. Thomas H. Willoughby Feb. 18, at a ceremony in the Burlingame Ward Chapel. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Magnus C. Edwards of Hillsborough. Tom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Basil H. Willoughby of Sacramento.

Oakland 2nd Ward

New Bishopric For Oakland 2nd

By BETTY GROMMESH

Oakland 2nd Ward experienced a change of bishop in the last month. Glenn C. Rounds was released as bishop and John Drushal was sustained. Glenn had served as the bishop for six years. He is now an alternate on the Stake High Council.

John Drushal was born Feb. 13, 1908 in Salt Lake City. He attended school there. He served as a boatswain's mate in the Navy for three years, spending most of this time on Guadalcanal.

He was married to Mabel Smithen in the Los Angeles temple in 1956. They have no children. John's mother is 87 and is still living in Salt Lake City.

John has held various positions in the Church among them were activity counselor in the MIA, dance director in the MIA, financial chairman of the ward, counselor in the bishopric and counselor to the president of the High Priests quorum. He served as 2nd counselor and later 1st counselor to Glenn C. Rounds. He was ordained bishop of the ward by William J. Critchlow, Jr.

1ST COUNSELOR

William F. Shaw, first counselor, was born March 4, 1917, in Sonora, California. He was baptized into the Church in 1956. He married Carol Boshard in the Los Angeles Temple in 1957 and they have one son and three daughters.

William has served as secretary of the Sunday School, superintendent of the MIA and 2nd counselor in the bishopric. He served as 2nd counselor to Glenn C. Rounds and later as 1st counselor. Upon the release of Glenn Rounds he was retained as 1st counselor to John Drushal.

Richard A. Allphin, 2nd counselor, was born July 23, 1921 in Lovell, Wyoming. He was raised in Oakland and attended San Francisco Jr. College. He interrupted his studies to fill a full time mission in the Spanish American Mission and serve a year as a Naval Air Cadet. Upon his release from service he attended the University of California in Berkeley for three years.

He was married to Betty Towsley in the Idaho Falls Temple in 1945 and they have four daughters.

NOT NEW

Being in the bishopric is not new for Richard as he served twice as a counselor in the Maxwell Park Ward before moving to this ward. He served as 2nd counselor to Glenn C. Rounds and is now serving in the position under John Drushal.

Herbert Grommesh, ward clerk, was born November 13, 1928 in Alice, North Dakota. He was baptized into the Church in 1955 and 5 months later was called as a stake missionary. While serving as a missionary he was ordained to the Melchizedek Priesthood, a seventy shortly before his release. He has served in many positions in the Church among which are, priesthood instructor, general secretary of the Senior Aaronic, advisor to the Senior Aaronic, chairman of the Integration committee and various positions for the seventies quorum in the ward.

Herbert was married to Betty Parker in the Los Angeles Temple in 1956 and they have two sons.

Herbert served a year as a ward clerk under Glenn C. Rounds and was retained in the position by John Drushal.

MEMBERS TRANSFER

Oakland 2nd Ward recently received a large number of members from Oakland 4th Ward. Among them some were moved to new positions in this ward. Those affected were Barbara Sorenson as activity counselor in the YWMIA, Adelia Lamph as secretary of the MIA, Dorothy Erickson member of the genealogical committee, Francie Lamph as speech director in the MIA, Merien Robins as superintendent of the Sunday School, Shirley Robins as secretary of the Sunday School and Doyle Fullmer as the teacher of the gospel doctrine class.

Five of our girls attending BYU were home for the holidays, Karen Shaw, Gayle Biddle, Linda Goldsmith, Mary Jo Sullens and Susan Ongman. The visit was short but enjoyable. The Suttons had their daughter Ann and her husband home for a short visit also.

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Balboa 2nd Ward

Heart Attack Fatal To Former Bishop, Leland Busenbark

Leland Busenbark of Balboa 2nd Ward died Jan. 5, from heart failure after an illness of about 12 years. He had a series of strokes over the past 12 years that kept him almost an invalid much of the time.

Elder Busenbark was bishop of Tory Ward in southern Utah from 1930 to 1935. While bishop, he was very active in the construction of a new chapel for the ward.

His funeral was held at the Balboa 2nd Ward Chapel on Jan. 9. Opening remarks were made by Bishop Brooks Cope. Invocation by Bernard Skagfjord. Ruth Walkup, accompanied by Ann Astle, sang some of Brother Busenbark's favorite songs. John O. Breckon was the speaker, and Maude Preston read one of the Busenbark's favorite poems, "This Old Clay House." Benediction was by John Preston.

Leland Busenbark was born in Fairview, Utah, on May 10, 1898. He was working in sheep and other livestock most of his early years. He was married to Irene Hope in 1917. They came to California in 1940. They were the parents of four sons and three daughters: Robert U. Busenbark of Walteria, Calif., Barbara Sainbury of Redondo Beach, Calif., John A. Busenbark, deceased, Duane L. Busenbark of Pacifica, Calif., Elda Hadley of Salt Lake City, Utah, Roe and LuDean Busenbark of San Francisco.

Irene Busenbark will be recognized by most of the mothers in the San Francisco Stake as the baby-sitter at a good share of the meetings held in the Stake House, and also at Balboa 2nd Ward and Mission Ward.

Leland Busenbark is survived by his wife, Irene, his step-mother, several brothers and sisters, six children, eighteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Florence Galbraith, deceased

Balboa 2nd Ward

Services Held for Florence Galbraith, S.F. DUP Member

By LONA HAWKINS

Sister Florence Galbraith of Balboa 2nd Ward, died last fall. She had been a victim of diabetes in her later years and because of this disease she spent her last five years in blindness. This did not handicap her vibrant spirit, however, and she developed her other senses to do the job of her eyes. She could distinguish voices well, and was able to call all her acquaintances by name after only one or two words were said.

She was born Florence Allsop, Dec. 21, 1899, at Jordan, Utah, the daughter of Joseph and Louisa Egbert Allsop. She married Ray Galbraith in 1917, and came to California in 1920. She taught Primary for several years and was also Relief Society secretary in Balboa Ward for a number of years. She was a Relief Society visiting teacher most of her life.

CHARTER MEMBER

Sister Galbraith was a charter member of the Minnie Jepson Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, the first chapter of the DUP to be organized in the Bay Area. She held several offices in that organization, and was first assisting captain of the chapter when it was disbanded last year.

She is survived by her husband, Ray, two daughters, Virginia Nelson of San Francisco and Dorothy May Powell of Cupertino, two grandchildren, Cory and Kathy Nelson of San Francisco, and six brothers, one each in Salt Lake City and Midvale, Utah; Redding, Los Angeles, Atascadero and Niles, California.

Funeral services were conducted by Bishop Edgar L. Williams at Gantner, Felder and Kenney in San Francisco and burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery in Daly City. Dr. George of the Stake High Council was the speaker. Music was by a chorus of Singing Mothers from Balboa 2nd Ward Relief Society.

Mr. Galbraith said that he especially wanted to note his appreciation for the care given to his wife recently by William and Bernetta Allsop of Niles.

San Francisco Ward

Charles Green Transferred To So. Germany

By DICK LLOYD

Elder Charles A. Green of San Francisco Ward was transferred to Southern Germany where he will serve in the Medical Corps.

Unexpected transfers are a fact of life with servicemen. And so it is with the San Francisco Ward. Many of its members are service personnel stationed at the Presido. Often they hold positions of responsibility when they are transferred.

Brother Green is a good example of this. He was a Cub Scout leader, a ward teaching supervisor and was completing his requirements in the Teacher Training Class.

His dedication to the Gospel is demonstrated by his rapid advancement in the priesthood. He was baptized December 19, 1959, became a deacon the following January, was ordained a teacher in April, 1960, and was confirmed a priest in July,1960. Just 12 months following his baptism Brother Green was ordained an elder.

Sergeant Green entered the ward In August, 1959, with his wife, Estelle, and their five children, Diedre, Charles, Loretta, Donald and Bill. The family came from Fayetteville, N. C., where Estelle was already an LDS member.

Estelle has been a Trekker teacher, Co-Pilot teacher and secretary of the San Francisco Ward Primary.

Several blessings and confirmations were observed during December. Arthur Hatch blessed his infant son Michael V. Hatch. David Alger Sr., blessed Miss Cheri Doyle. George Simister confirmed Sister Barbara J. Draper and Bishop Thomas O. Call confirmed Nana Susana Crane and blessed her son Bret Lorin Crane.

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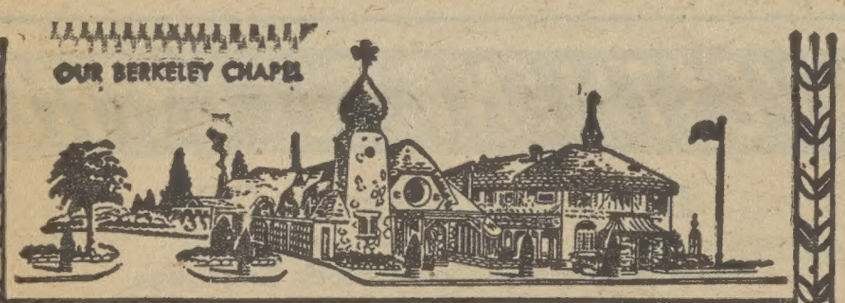

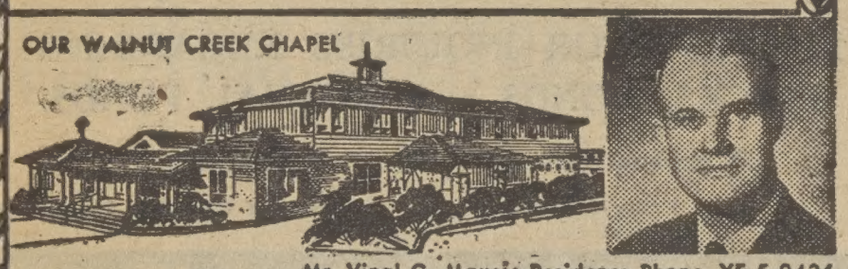

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Tidewater Oil Co. announced a $20 million dollar expansion program at Avon, near Martinez.

Oakland civic leaders are forming a corporation to finance a 48,500-seat sports coliseum for both football and baseball near Hegenberger Road between Nimitz Freeway and San Leandro St.

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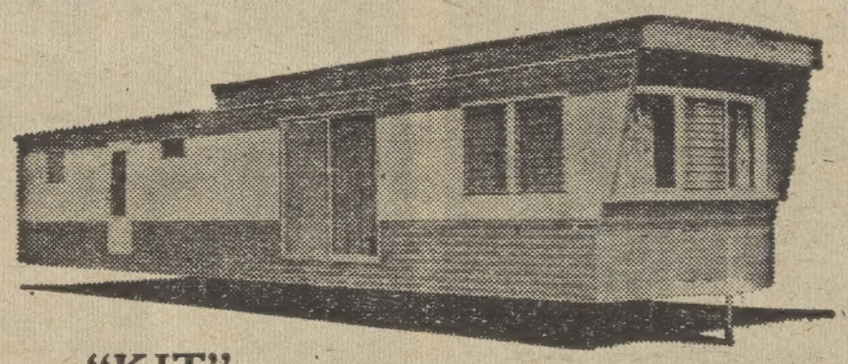

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FANCY BASKET—Nancy Crouch and Ferl Humpries admiring one of the handmade plastic bags which were sold Nov. 19, at the Redwood City Ward Relief Society bazaar.

RODMAR PULLEY surprised his parents in June by getting home a few hours ahead of schedule. The Los Altos Elder was returning from his mission to Guatemala, where he had been a district president.

PAMELA HILL was the valedictorian of her 1960 graduating class of the Herbert Hoover Junior High School in San Francisco.

TRI-STAKE RECREATION

OUTDOOR CONFERENCE — The planning and development of the Tri-Stake Recreation Center in the Santa Cruz mountains was a continuing responsibility for members of San Jose, Palo Alto and San Mateo Stakes during 1960. Here 11 representatives of the three stakes confer on the site of the project to decide who shall do what. The Recreation Center, yet unnamed, will serve as a campground for scouts and MIA girls of the 3 stakes, as well as a location for f amily camps and other recreational activities.

BRIDE AND GROOM — 1961 promises to have many repeats of this scene. Carol Pugmire became Mrs. Wayne Gilbert a year ago. The Gilberts are now living in Fremont.

Oakland 4th Ward

Dan Buckley In Central States

By Darlene Johnson

Oakland Fourth Ward reports the missionary call of Elder Dan Buckley, who entered the Mission Home in Salt Lake City on January 10. He has been called to labor in the Central States Mission.

Home from Brigham Young University to spend the holidays with their families were Carl and Joan Byers, Sue Bybee, Leland Wright, Jr., Tim Thompsen, Tom MacAuley, Marilyn Stewart, Richard and Gary Wood.

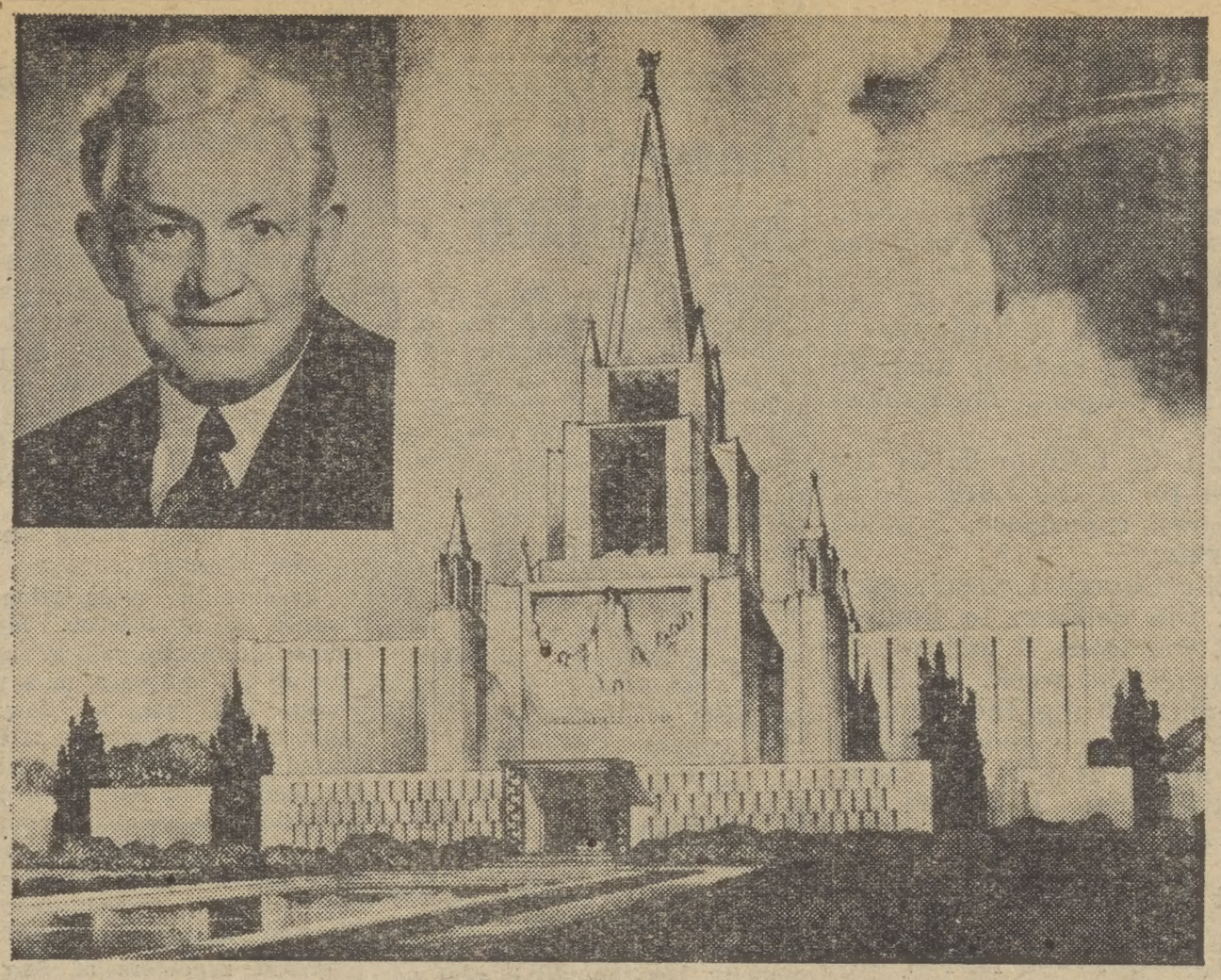
Achievement in the YWMIA Girls' Program last year was acknowledged by the presentation of awards to Sharon Dent, Cheryl Poore, Janet Young, Jill Hawkins, Nora Verhaaren and Barbara Wright. Henrietta Body, Eva Dent, Lynn McAllister, Susan Schuyler, Ann Thompsen, Judy Affleck, Lillian Dent, Bonnie Hawkins, Judy Jackson, Eileen Verhaaren, Miriam Wright and Dorothy Lamph.

YWMIA Leaders' Awards were presented to Lucy Jacobs, Amy Ralphs, Adeline Pratt, Vera Johnston, Lynnette Verhaaren, Margaret Wright, Mary Bybee and Darlene Johnson.

Special recognition was given to the 100 per cent attendance of Jill Hawkins and Barbara Wright. Both girls received a gift from the YWMIA Executives.

At a recent sacrament service Duty-to-God Awards were presented to Robert Castle, James Lamph, Howard Bybee, Dexter Ralphs and Marc Lauper. In order to receive this award each boy earned four Individual Awards in Aaronic Priesthood work and completed the requirements for First Class Scout.

Genealogy workshop has started for ward members on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. All those needing help and encouragement in preparing family group sheets and pedigree charts are urged to take advantage of the qualified assistance that is available.



MORMON LEADER ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR NEW TEMPLE IN OAKLAND

Plans for construction of a new Mormon Temple (above) on a hilltop site in Oakland overlooking San Francisco Bay, were announced here this week by David O. McKay, inset, 87-year-old president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This will be the 15th temple the 1,700,000-member organization has built during its 130-year history. Others, now in use, are in Salt Lake City, St. George, Logan and Manti, Utah; Laie, Oahu, Hawaii; Cardston, Alberta, Canada; Mesa, Ariz.; Idaho Falls, Idaho; Bern, Switzerland; Los Angeles, Calif.; Hamilton, New Zealand, and London, England. Earlier temples were built in Kirtland, Ohio, and Nauvoo, Ill. Mormon temples are not used for general worship (the church has several thousand ward and stake chapels and tabernacles for this purpose) but only for sacred ceremonies, including marriages and other sealing ordinances, vacarious baptism for the dead, and priesthood ordinations. The Oakland temple will serve members living in some 19 stakes in northern California and adjacent areas, and the Northern California Mission.

Walnut Creek Ward

Ward Teachers End Year with 91.6% For December, 83% Average in '60

By LOIS H. BUTLER

The ward teachers set an all-time high for the Walnut Creek Ward in December by visiting 91.6 percent of the 242 families in the ward. The yearly average was 83 percent. Jim Mecham is assistant ward clerk in charge of Ward Teachers with Edward Jones, Grant Cutler and Edward Pyle as supervisors.

Sterling Bench has completed two years as a stake missionary and the past six months as district president. He is now Aaronic Priesthood Secretary.

The ward has two new full-time missionaries since Elder Foster's release. They are Supervising Elder Bigelow from Farmington, New Mexico and his compainion Elder Higgins.

Elder Goldmocher is now laboring in a small branch. He wrote the Dehlins about a need for clothes, particularly dresses and children's clothes for a rummage sale. If anyone has something they could send to Elder Goldmocher, Church of Jesus of Latter-day Saints, Box 198, Willow Creek, California they would be most appreciated.

NEW SECRETARY

The Relief Society is happy to have Barbara Hansen as the new secretary. The next work meeting will be spent in making quiet books. It is hoped that most women of the ward will come and make quiet books for their children, or for gifts, and perhaps a few extra ones for the bazaar. The presidency gave a luncheon for visiting teachers. Besides the luncheon the fifty guests enjoyed a program, a couple of musical numbers and some words of appreciation for their faithful work.

Craig and Roger, sons of Floyd and Maxine Pickett told the Junior Sunday School of their new baby brother. Craig was happy that the baby came on his birthday and Roger says the baby is to be named Ronald. Dixie Lloyd will teach the four year olds. Marjorie Cline, who moved here from Chicago will be a teacher. Janae Bledsoe and Boyd Applegarth are new teachers. Joan Uffins is assistant librarian and teacherr.

The older Primary girls planned a long time for the Jan. 28, Daddy Date evening. A dinner and square dancing was enjoyed. The Primary officers and teachers will visit all homes the first of February to conduct the Penny Parade. It is suggested that all ward members contribute two cents for each year of age toward the Primary Childrens' Hospital.

Gene and Jackie Crowell are the dance directors in Mutual. Sally Applegarth will replace Bernette Jones as Mia Maid leader.

Max Christiansen, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Christiansen was elected president of the sophomore class at Del Vallee High School. Max played football for the school this fall.

New members of the ward are: Beth Marjorie Cline and three children; Moroni and Clarice Lodder and three children; Gordon and Mildred McCarthy and four children; Janece Weibe; James Edward Phillips; Karen Marie Christiansen, mother of Leone Dehlin; Helen Hovey and four children; Richard R. Hart; and Ruby F. McClain.

Triple Combination

Senior Aaronic Lecture Series A 3-Ward Effort

A series of 12 lectures on the gospel plan will be presented between March 1, and May 17, by a joint effort of the Berkeley 1st, Berkeley 2nd and Claremont Wards. The series is designed especially for senior members of the Aaronic Priesthood and their wives.

This program is of especial interest to recent converts to the Church who have received the priesthood and who desire to learn more about the gospel in a group effort.

Well qualified lecturers from the three wards will cover subjects which include. "The Gospel Plan-Pre-existence to Eternal Life," "Church History Highlights," "The Priesthood We Bear," "Practical Aspects of Church Government," and "Temple Endowments." This is only half of the list of lectures, but a good representation of the kind of material covered.

The lectures all begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Berkeley Chapel.

Joseph and La Von Eyring are directors of the program. The scheduled lecturers are: Wesley Turner, W. Glenn Harmon, Dilworth Jensen, LaVon Eyring, George Strebel, Spencer Palmer, Samuel Holmes, Van Orton, James E. Sabine, Isaac B. Ball, Calvid D. Wood, Theodore Curtis, Denzel C. Allen, and Catherine Duker.

See Ancient Ruins

Kimballs Tour Central America

Mr. and Mrs. Don L. Kimball left El Cerrito on Friday, January 27, for a 16-day tour of Mexico and Guatemala. With them were their long time friends, Mr. and Mrs. David M. Dunn of Alameda. They were included in a party of 26, many of whom were traveling companions on a similar journey last year.

This trip was organized by Burnett A. Hendryx of Burlingame and was personally conducted by Jose O. Davila of Pueblo, Mexico, who is an authority on all Central America as it relates to the Book of Mormon.

Their offical starting point was the Los Angeles International Airport, where after a "get acquainted" breakfast, the party boarded CMA's Comet jet flight non-stop for Mexico City.

SIX DAYS

Six days were spent visiting the various points of interest in Mexico, including some of the ruins where carvings and other religious symbols have been found and preserved.

The party will fly Feb. 4 to Guatemala City where they will begin a five-day tour of the Mayan Highlands of Guatemala. Much of this scenic high land country corresponds to the descriptions given in the Book of Mormon. With their LDS guide, Jose O. Davila, they will journey to many sites and settlements throughout this country including Chiapa de Corzo, where the New World Archaeological Foundation just completed five years of research into the ruins dating exactly to the Book of Mormon Period.

Oakland Ward

Sun. School Class For Sr. Aaronics Starting Soon

The Senior Aaronic Priesthood class of Oakland Ward is holding its first Sunday School class on Feb. 26, at Oakland Ward Chapel.

The class is being supervised by Brother Bart Johnston, the Oakland Ward Senior Aaronic secretary. Brother Johnston has arranged for some excellent speakers. They will include Glen Harmon, former president of Berkeley Stake, Brother Thomas S. Ferguson, Curtis Bybee, high councilman, Violet Higham and Frank C. Higham Sr., chairman of the Stake Senior Aaronic Committee, Sister Dauna Sandmire of Claremont Ward, and many others.

The bishopric of Oakland Ward is hosting a "get acquainted" dinner and program to which all Senior Aaronic members and their wives are invited. The dinner is being held in the recreation hall of the Oakland Ward on Feb. 24.

BYU Professor Assigned to Cairo

Dr. Howard T. Reid, assistant dean of students at Brigham Young University accepted an assignment as dean of students at the American University at Cairo, Egypt, for two years beginning Sept. 1, 1960.

In his new position, Dr. Reid is helping organize a program of student personnel services at the Cairo school. He is on a two-year leave of absence from BYU.

The assignment is a part of the regular university program under the director of the American University of Cairo, assisted by the Ford Foundation. Dr. Reid's family traveled with him.

Before coming to BYU in 1953 as associate professor of personnel and guidance, Dr. Reid was associate professor of education, counselor for men, and chairman of the guidance workshop held during the summer sessions at Colorado State College of Education.

Baghdad Theme For Primary Fashion Show

By VIRGINIA RINGWOOD

"Baghdad By The Bay" is the theme of the annual fashion show to be presented by the Primary April 22, at the Interstake Center.

General chairman of the event is Renee Taylor who is assisted by Marlene Bertola, advertising chairman; Ireta Wheeler, models chairman; Margaret Beatty, refreshments; Betty Neil, tickets; Anita Hill, decorations; Shirley Lucas, prizes and Joyce Bodenhammer, program.

Models from each of the wards of the Hayward Stake will be featured and clothes will be furnished by Macy's.

Tickets at $1.50 each will be on sale at each ward in the stake in March.

DADDY DATE

The Liahona Girls of the Primary had a "Daddy Date" recently at the Church. Theme was "Knights and Ladies."

A music fest, sponsored by the Mutual, was held recently. Participants included Marge Remington, Paul Romer, Kenneth Driggs, Garyl Fisher, Dana Webb, Carol Ann Cox, Maxine Carlson and Bishop and Donna Carter. Each class also performed.

A snow trip is currently being planned by the Mutual for a Saturday near the end of February. The group will be transported in chartered buses, according to John Murdock, Young Men's Mutual superintendent who is in charge.

The Relief Society recently turned in $9.81 to the building fund from the sale of Christmas cards.

Elaine Hulme will replace Carol Pett as second counselor in the Relief Society.

The Guide Patrol of the Ward, jointly with the San Lorenzo First Ward, recently held a special class in First Aid. Val Taylor is leader of the Patrol.

Redwood City Ward

Ham Dinner Featured at R. S. Bazaar

A ham dinner and a gift bar! A game booth and a cake walk! These will be some of the features to be enjoyed in a carnival atmosphere at the Redwood City Relief Society bazaar to be held Nov. 15, in the ward chapel.

Character dolls and animal characters by Pat Williams will be there in their usual dependable brilliance and originality. (Pat has been traveling around to various relief societies ir Pacifica, Menlo Park, San Carlos, and others, to show them how to make her famous toys.)

The apron booth will be an education in what can be done when the ladies turn out their remnant cupboards and pool remnants and ideas.

Baked goods, hand embroidered household linens, white elephants—in fact everything but a calliope will be there for fun and bargains at the carnival bazaar; Ferl Humphries and Nancy Courch are directors.

Last month a chicken barbecue opening social kicked off the season with decorations of footballs and goal posts. A rummage sale was held Oct. 20-22, for the benefit of the welfare fund.

My Testimony

NEW BEGINNINGS . . .

By MABEL B. LIDDELL

It's a time for new beginnings—a time to leave behind past errors and with Jacob, say: "Seek not to counsel the Lord, but to take counsel from the hand."

Frank and Jean Manning of Mission Ward in San Francisco have an interesting story to tell. A little over a year ago, Jean was inactive in the church and her husband was not particularly interested in any religion. Then something happened to Jean—she tells it this way:

"Do we really take counsel from the Lord or do we try to give Him counsel. Do we want to do the Lord's work on **our terms** or his? From my own experience, I would say, a lot of times, it's on **our terms.**

"Before my husband joined the Church I wasn't very active. Most of the time I took the children to Sunday School and picked them up after it was over. I told myself that since I worked downtown during the week, I needed Sunday to do the housework. I didn't bring the children to sacrament meeting because we enjoyed Sunday nights at home with television. Mutual nights it was the same. I took the children and picked them up. I wanted the counsel of the Lord, but on my terms.

TRIED TO FORGET

"I kept trying to forget what a wonderful Latter-day Saint my mother was. She took counsel of the Lord on his terms, not hers. But I, like so many young people, was very selfish and thought only of myself.

"As my own children grew older, I kept trying to kid myself that they wouldn't do as I was doing, but they would do as I said. I knew, down deep, how wrong I was.

"Then all of a sudden, I didn't like the way my friends were living and thinking, and my conscience kept at me all of the time. My friends kept saying, "Religion is only for children when they're young. None of the churches are true—they're just man-made laws to take your money!" The more I heard things like this the more my conscience hurt. But, have you ever tried to tell people that your church was the only true church in all the earth, when you, yourself didn't live up to its standards? Well, don't try it, because it does no good. They don't believe you and I don't blame them.

"When I finally got a good look at myself, and I realized that I looked the same way to God, I knew how wrong I was. My wonderful mother spent her entire life teaching us the true counsel of the Lord but I hadn't lived up to it. If you are taught the truth in your childhood, as I was, it is part of you and you only kid yourself when you say you don't believe it. God's laws may seem strict but they are not.

HUSBAND JOINED CHURCH

"When my husband, Frank, said he would join the Church if I would live up to all of its teachings, I knew the Lord was giving me a chance to prove myself worthy. I decided that from now on I was going to take counsel from the Lord and not try to counsel Him.

"The blessings and happiness that have been ours since that time, cannot be measured. Two Stake Missionaries came to help my husband understand the importance of this wonderful restored Church. He humbly changed his life to accord with the Savior's plan and was baptized in August 1959. Since that time he has advanced steadily and last November we went to the temple of God to be sealed as husband and wife for time and all eternity.

"My life is so full and rich I can hardly believe it possible. Even though I work, teach MIA, take the children to seminary, attend all meetings and help wherever I can, my housework still gets done. We can now tell our children to do as we do and when I tell people about the church they listen and wonder because I am doing the things I talk about. I know now, what Jacob meant when he said, "The Lord counseleth in wisdom."

Frank Manning adds this to his wife's testimony:

WHOLE LIFE CHANGED

"My whole life and outlook has changed. I have gained patience and love for my fellowmen, real love I mean, such as I didn't know was possible before. The association with humble men in the priesthood who are devoted to their callings has meant so much to me that I just don't have the time to do enough to help them. The more I do in the Church, the happier I feel. All of these things I would have said were utterly ridiculous a little over a year ago.

"This year has brought me the happiest experiences of my life. I have had the privilege of baptizing my dear parents and young nephew, of blessing babies and administering to the sick. Outstanding through it all was going to the temple to be sealed to my wife forever and being accompanied there by some of the dearest friends I've ever known. I am now serving as assistant ward clerk and even though it is hard work, I am happy in helping the choice men of the bishopric.

"Only once have I been reluctant to accept a position I have been called to do and that was when I was asked to play Santa Claus at the Ward Christmas party. I didn't think I could ever do it, but when I walked through the door and all the kids gathered around me, holding my hands, patting my cheek and telling me they loved me—why, I could have been Santa Claus forever.

"All of this I owe to my lovely wife. Without her, I would never have known about this wonderful Church and she has helped me all the way in whatever I have been able to accomplish."

$5 per Capita

Temple District Share of Costs Only $500,000

When President David O. McKay was in San Francisco to announce the construction of the Oakland Temple, he also announced that the share of the stakes of the Oakland Temple District would be $500,000, one-fourth of the total estimated cost.

One of the stake presidents present said, "I have just figured that our pledge of $500,000 will work out to about five dollars per capita, with the present church membership in Northern California.

The Church pays the majority of the costs of temple construction from general tithing funds.

Letters . . .

"The Church has an excellent athletic program when it is organized properly and given a little publicity. My thought is that perhaps the "Messenger" could carry a sports article or two each month giving a summary of the leading teams and participants in each stake. These articles would be very interesting to the sports-minded and would give each stake some indication of the other teams they might be participating against during the divisional playoffs at the end of the respective seasons. (The "Messenger" would also be a proper place to publicize divisional dates and events.)

"It is my feeling that the athletic program of most of the stakes in the Bay Area is below the standards of the programs conducted in many other places and that a small amount of publicity in the "Messenger" could contribute significantly in bringing the program up to par."

——Richard V. Stauffer
Mt. View Ward
Athletic Director

You're right. Newspapers in general can help bring up standards in all areas of community life. It is the aim of the Messenger to provide this service for the LDS community in the bay area, and we are willing to do everything possible to promote Church standards and activities.

The only reason why you haven't already seen a full sports page in the Messenger is that you athletic directors have not taken the trouble to send in the publicity. How's that for putting the responsibility on your shoulders?

The same is true for other activities in the stake worthy of publicity. The Messenger has a one-man editorial staff. We have volunteer reporters, and therefore, we depend entirely on volunteered news. We cannot go out and actively cover division sporting events, but ward and stake athletic directors can either select a publicity assistant, or do it themselves.

If you will look back through past issues of the "Messenger," you will notice that all youth activities and achievements that have been reported have been given good coverage, and this will continue to be the case. Give the news to your ward reporter in time for him (or her) to meet the deadline on the 20th of each month. (Remember, his story has to reach the editor by the 20th, so you must report several days before that.)

—J. D. P.

(Editorial)

Private Subscriptions

Ambitious Building Program Cause Of Messenger Stop in S.M. Stake

Members of San Mateo Stake no longer receive the Messenger. Many of them have written to us and want to continue their subscriptions if possible. After a conference, it was determined that we would accept private subscriptions at the rate of $1 a year. Your attention is directed to the advertisement on page two concerning this offer.

San Mateo Stake authorities report that they have so many building projects and other fund-raising activities in progress that the wards could no longer afford the service of the Messenger.

Perhaps the subscription system would be of interest. Messenger subscriptions are paid by each ward for all its members on a monthly basis. The rates are low, as in theory advertisements from the ward area will help pay the costs of publication. For a ward of 300 families, the cost is about $18.00 per month, or $210.00 a year. This low cost is possible because we depend entirely on volunteer reporting and a minimum staff.

Ward reporters of San Mateo Stake are invited to resume their activities. Articles should be sent in typewritten form directly to the El Cerrito editorial offices, or to the nearest associate editor, who will forward it.

Subscriptions are also available to parents of all stakes who want to send the paper to children, friends or servicemen who are not in the wards in the area.

We cannot help but feel that many members whose sole contact with the Church is their monthly copy of the Messenger will be affected by the recent decision of San Mateo Stake. We hope that their own publication will continue to reach these people and appeal to them effectively.

When ward teaching percentages are anywhere below 100%, there are always many families who are not visited by any representatives of the Church over long periods of time. Through the Messenger, at least they may keep alive the knowledge that they are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and will not be completely sealed off from news of local Church happenings.

Many are confined to hospitals, sickbeds at home, or have work that temporarily prevents them from attending meetings the way they would like to. These persons can lose interest in the Church easily if they feel that they are being left out or that no-one is interested in them. Whether or not they are justified in their feelings is an individual matter, but the effect in any case is insidious decay of testimony and possible estrangement from the Church.

We of the Messenger are happy if we can be of service, and we heartily invite the San Mateo Stake to rejoin the ranks of our satisfied subscribers on a regular basis as soon as they can see their way clear to do so.

International Dancers

Stakes Taken "Around World" By BYU Dancers

Folk Dances from dozens of lands will be presented on stages in Oakland-Berkeley, Palo Alto, San Francisco and San Mateo Stakes this month. The famous International Folk Dancers of BYU will present their "Around the World" program to the Bay Area stakes as part of their Northern California tour, which also includes Napa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, San Jose and Stockton performances.

The group was featured in a picture section of the Jan. 7 issue of the Church News.

The repertoire includes dances from Spain, Italy, Mexico, England, Scotland, the Philippines, Austria, Yugoslavia, Serbia, the Ukraine, Poland and Hungary.

Mrs. Mary Bee Jensen of the BYU Department of Physical Education for Women is faculty sponsor and director of the group.

Some of the dances are performed by all male or all female groups, and there is one solo dance.

The Oakland-Berkeley Stake presentation is sponsored by the High Priests Quorum, and will be presented Feb. 17, in the Interstake Center. The contributions of $1.00 per ticket will be collected by the wards in the stake, who will keep most of the money for their own funds.

Housing will be furnished by members of the stakes in which the performances are given.

Pres. McKay Tells Background Story Of Temple Hill

As a prelude to presenting the plan for the Oakland Temple District, President David O. McKay recently outlined the events leading up to the purchase of the property at Lincoln Avenue and Warren Freeway.

First, he recalled a letter written by President Brigham Young to a passenger on the "S. S. Brooklyn" which sailed around the Horn to San Francisco in 1846 with a body of saints from New York under the leadership of Sam Brannon. In the letter was written the prophetic words, ". . . . the shores of the Pacific may yet be overlooked from the Temple of the Lord." President George Albert Smith also prophesied to the construction of such a temple.

The president reviewed the receipt of the information from A. B. Graham in 1942 of an opportunity to purchase 14½ acres of ground on a hilltop at Lincoln avenue.

A long two months later, just as it seemed that the property would be sold elsewhere, it was President McKay who, under the direction of President George Albert Smith, came to Oakland to inspect the site. It proved to be all that it had been described and it was purchased at a cost of $18,000. Thenceforth it took for itself the title "Temple Hill." Later a portion of the surrounding property was added to bring the site up to 18.3 acres.

This will be the 15th temple to be built by the Church. The others are in Utah, where there are four, Arizona, Idaho, Hawaii, Canada, New Zealand, Switzerland, London, and Los Angeles with the two earlier temples in Kirtland, Ohio, and Nauvoo, Ill.

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San Leandro Ward

Elder Gary Lee Boetes Gets Call To South African Mission Field

By Elizabeth W. Frye

A missionary farewell will be held in the San Leandro Ward Chapel on February 19, at 6:00 p.m. for Gary Lee Boetes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Boetes. A very short reception will be held after the services. Then Gary will leave for the San Francisco airport where he will board a plane for Salt Lake City and there enter the Mission Home. The following week he will take a plane for Johannesburg, South Africa, where he will serve a two-year mission.

Sacrament meeting will start one-half hour earlier than usual (at 6:00 p.m.) to allow time for a short reception and to give Gary time to catch his plane.

Speakers at the testimonial will include Vao Cheney, high councilman, Francis Winkle, formerly of the Hayward Stake presidency, and James Russel Allan, brother-in-law of Jane Boetes, from Los Angeles.

Special music will be rendered by Pauline Landon of the San Leandro Ward and Gladys Olsen of the Oakland 4th Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wakefield have been blessed with a baby daughter born November 23, 1960. She has been given the name Cindy Kay.

President A. Gifford Jackson and family and Sister Inazetta Fell, spent the Christmas holidays in Long Beach with the Jackson's son, Bill, and family.

Among the new diamonds displayed between Christmas and New Year's were those worn by Donna Schipper (engaged to Terry Moyer) and Geralynn Schutt ,engaged to a new convert, William (Bill) Ewing.

The following were ordained elders during the month of December: Millard Otto Sines, Gary Lee Boetes and Kenneth Leroy Frye, Jr.

Home from the BYU for the Christmas holidays were Christina Pitcher, James Chapin, Anadeane Kiser, and Kenneth Frye, Jr.

The Mutual Marrieds met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Jackson in November to hear Mr. Edward Bryant, an attorney in Castro Valley, give a talk on the buying and selling of real estate. Refreshments consisted of hot spiced cider, sandwiches and fruit cake.

In December twenty-six of the Mutual Marrieds enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of Brother and Sister Kenneth L. Frye. Sister Jane Boetes sang two Christmas songs accompanied by Pauline Landon at the piano. Brother Frye played several musical numbers on the organ, and Sister Cathy Salzinger of Livermore, daughter of Pat and Anna Calhoun, gave two readings. Refreshments were in the form of finger foods and punch.

On New Year's Eve the Mutual Marrieds met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Randall for chip 'n dip before attending the dance at the Interstake Center.

Alameda Ward

Rollin Podwys, 15, Candidate For National Boys' Club Honors

By Lue Seavers and Donna Rice

Rollin Podwys, 15 year old son of Henry and Jane Podwys of Alameda Ward, has been nominated by the local club staff for entry in the annual Boys' Club of America "Junior Citizenship" award. Rollin has been an active member for the past six years and has been a leader in scholarship, athletics, and program activities at the clubhouse.

In addition to his leadership contributions in Alameda Boys' Club Rollin has been active in service to his Church, community, and nation through participation in Explorer Scout projects and services, school activities, and missionary and benevolent Church work as a member of the Aaronic Priesthood.

Participants in the Junior Citizens Award program also known as the "Boy of the Year" for Boys Clubs of America are judged on the amount and quality of their services at home, church, school, community and Boy's Club.

WINKEL FARTWELL

The farewell testimonial in honor of Elder Thys and Sister Reba Winkel was well attended. The Presidency of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake and Milton P. Ream and Gifford Jackson of the Hayward Stake were present, plus many ex-Alameda ward members and many friends of both stakes. Tom Winkel, son of Thys and Reba hopes to join them in Europe in the late spring.

Verla Ekins and George A. Collins were married Dec. 31. Verla's mother came from Ogden, Utah, for the occasion. Verla and George are active ward members.

Ruth Goodfellow was called home to attend the funeral service of her father, who passed away suddenly in Utah.

TRAVELING WILSONS

Grant and Reta Wilson and family spent the Christmas holidays traveling. They first traveled to Utah where Grant and Reta visited their brothers and sisters. Then on to Louisiana to spend Christmas with Reta's family. While there Grant flew to St. Louis, Mo., to a science convention and gave a talk there. From Louisiana they traveled to Texas, Los Angeles and home.

Brother and Sister Robert Kelly enjoyed a family reunion during the holiday. They traveled to Idaho where the whole family met (except Lonnie who is on a mission.)

Tom and Marge Stam are moving into a new home in Newark.

A baby shower was given Marge Stam by the mutual officers. All those who worked with her in the mutual attended.

Art and Elaine Parry and family visited Elaine's parents, Don and Meda Hughes. They are from Idaho.

Joan Larson's big day is Feb 11, when she will be married.

Ward Conference was held in Alameda Ward recently, with a good attendance of ward members

Castro Valley Ward

Family Conversion Starts with Primary Boys' Friendship

By LILLIAN SORENSON

Two years ago, Bobby Eilmas, 7, told his parents, "Some day I'm going to join Garry Eagles's church." Last month Bobby's whole family were confirmed members of the Church in Castro Valley Ward fast meeting. The family consists of Robert and Jean Eilmas and children Carol, 13, Linda, 9, and Robert, Jr., 9.

Sister Eagles reports that it all started when Bobby accompanied her son when he went to Primary. the Eagleses arranged for the mis- ask questions about the gospel, the Eaglesses arranged for the missionaries to visit, and the conversion was the result. This is the second Eagles experience with conversion of friends in the Castro Valley Ward. Sister Dorothy Parry became acquainted with the church through their friendship, and was baptized last year.

Sister Anna Brown, who became president of the Relief Society last fall, was released from this position due to the heavy schedule of work she already had to meet. Sister Brown was an able leader and a vigorous worker.

NEW R. S. LEADER

Sister Ann Johnson Sybrowsky has assumed the presidency replacing Sister Brown. Her counselors are Sisters Marjorie Mudge and Ethel Hoover.

The Woodrow Sybrowskys, formerly of Midvale, Utah and Portland, Oregon, are rather new in the Castro Valley ward, having arrived last September. They have four children, Dennis, Roger, Kathleen and Layne. Dennis is presently serving a mission in the Central States.

Sister Sybrowsky has an excellent background for her new position. In Midvale, she was twice president of the Primary, and a class leader on the Primary Stake Board. She spent six years as Junior Sunday School coordinator, and has been a chorister in every organization, including ward chorister. She served as educational counselor in the Portland 8th Ward Relief Society and as work counselor in the Columbia River Stake Relief Society.

Her activities outside her home and Church have been centered in the educational field. She has served as vice president and president of the PTA in Portland.

Asked about her special interests, Sister Sybrowsky said, "Music is one of the things that I am most interested in and get a great deal of enjoyment from. But my greatest aim in life is to keep my testimony of the gospel growing, and to be a devoted wife and mother to my husband and children."

FAMILY DINNERS

Something new has been added to the Castro Valley Ward Family Dinners. All who attend the dinners may now enjoy an evening of dancing. This idea proved to be very popular and almost everyone, young and old, danced both square and round dances, leaving very few spectators on the sidelines. One end of the recreation hall was assigned to the children who enjoyed their ring dances immensely.

Carl Wachter, chairman of the building fund, heads the committee responsible for the dinners.

Sister Lois Cook attended the Family Dinner. She didn't feel quite up to dancing, but she enjoyed visiting with her friends again after her long illness.

Elder Earl Gillette, superintendent of the Sunday School, recently underwent spinal surgery for the relief of a very painful neck and arm condition. He is now convalescing at his home.

James Lunsford, son of Elder and Sister Ivan Lunsford, has joined the Marines and is now in the San Diego training station.

Ruth Ann Latter, weighing 8½ pounds, was born Dec. 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Fullmer Latter, who now have five children. Rose's mother, Sister Cowart of Salt Lake City, is staying with the Latters for a while to assist in caring for the children.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Lunsford became grandparents for the fifth time Jan. 5, when their daughter, Tommie Jean Nobriga added a third daughter, Debra Jo, to her family.

The stork departed from his old routine of flying out with a boy every time he saw the name "McFadden" on his delivery list. On January 15th a girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alan McFadden. The baby has been named Marylin, and is the second child for Alan and Ravena.

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Palo Alto Stake

First Annual New Year's Party Big Success in Palo Alto Stake

By Richard Harris

The Palo Alto Stake held its first annual New Year's Eve party in the recreation hall of the Menlo Park chapel on Valparaiso Avenue.

More than 600 church members and guests from Menlo Park to Sunnyvale attended the affair that featured dancing and a midnight supper.

The party was sponsored by the Stake organization, assisted generously by officers of the Stake Mutal Improvement Association. Stake President David B. Haight served as chairman of the event which attracted couples of all ages.

Participating were couples from the seven wards in the Stake including Menlo Park, Palo Alto and Palo Alto 2nd, Los Altos, Mountain View, Sunnyvale 1st and Sunnyvale 2nd Wards.

This was the first time that all of the wards had joined together in staging the social event and officials and participants alike have declared the effort a major success.

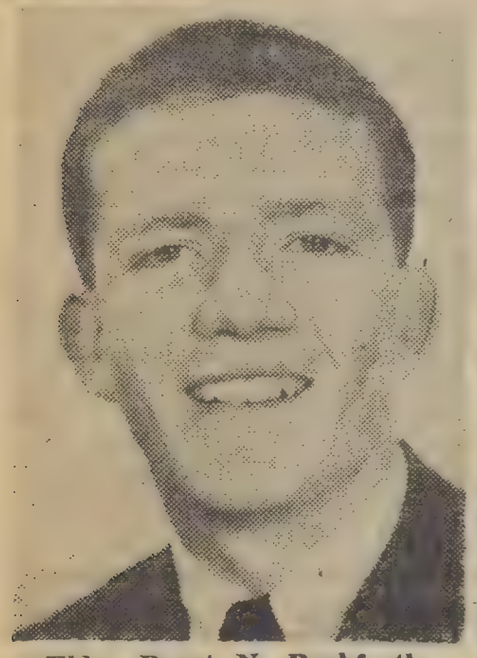
The party got underway at 8:30 p.m. and dancing continued until midnight. As the old year gave way to 1961 (to the accompaniment of noisemakers, serpentine and a barrage of balloons) a well organized crew of ladies of the Relief Society moved in to serve the crowd with a delicious buffet dinner. The food was prepared and served under the direction of Nell Marie Benson, president of the Stake Relief Society.

Music during the evening was furnished by the 12-piece Foothills College dance band.

The hall was decorated in gay and festive mood by the young ladies of the MIA under the direction of Ruby Haight, YWMIA Stake counselor. The decorations were a special creation of Opal Millar.

Assisting President Haight in details for the party was Mitchell W. Hunt, high council representative to the MIA. Attractive programs were designed by Maurine Cumming.

President Haight pointed out that weeks of planning and work preceded the party, held for the first time on a Stake-wide basis to provide the best possible holiday entertainment. Because of its success, next year's planning may provide two such New Year's Eve parties with the younger couples having a separate dance and dinner.



Elder Brent N. Rushforth

Palo Alto 2nd Ward

Brent Rushforth To Preach Word In No. Germany

By June M. Darby

Brent Nelson Rushforth, of the Palo Alto Second Ward, left for the North German Mission with headquarters in Berlin-Dahlen on January 10. Brent is the son of Knewel H. and June Nelson Rushforth.

His farewell testimonial was held on Sunday, Dec. 18, in the Palo Alto chapel. The program included: Speakers Henry Taylor, Donald Norton, Bishop Curtis Harrison, Brent and his parents, an organ prelude by Lorna Holdaway, and a solo by Nancy Peery.

Brent was born in Salt Lake City and went to school in Kaysville, Utah. The family has been in Palo Alto four years. Elder Rushforth has three brothers—Craig, Sam, and Scott—and two sisters—Ann and Jane. Brent attended Cubberly High School and graduated from Davis High in Utah as an Honor Graduate.

He has been attending Stanford for the past two years under the Henry Newell Scholarship and his major is physics. His favorite sports are basketball, baseball, and skiing.

Brent has been very active in his Church work. His family tree includes the noted church historian, B. H. Roberts.

Project Leaders

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names per person. This cost is for transportation alone."

The consensus of the committee was that the Oakland Temple will bring great savings to the people and accomplish much more work.

President McKay said, "If everyone was so living today in such a way to be worthy to participate in temple ordinances we would soon have universal peace."

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GRADUATES of the Los Altos-Mountain View Wards Senior Aaronic Priesthood School, held in December. Ted Crowther, Mt. View 2nd counselor, was the school's instructor. Grant Robison is Mt. View Senior Aaronic Priesthood secretary and director of the school. (They are at the left and right ends of the back row, respectively.)

16 Graduates Honored At Ceremonies

By Katherine H. Embry

Two ceremonies in December honored the 16 couples who completed the requirements for graduation from the Los Altos-Mountain View Senior Aaronic Priesthood School.

The graduates were first honored at a dinner and evening of entertainment.

Then the following Sunday the two bishops, Murray Richardson of Los Altos, and Geraid Sharp of Mountain View, presented the graduation certificates to the couples from their respective wards.

The presentations were made at Sacrament meetings devoted to the Senior Aaronic program, meetings which featured talks by the graduates.

The faithful attendance of the graduates at the school is worth noting. Overall attendance was more than 90%; two couples attended every session and the two husbands attended also all Priesthood meetings and Sacrament meetings for the same 12-week period.

All absences were due to illness, business trips out of town, etc. In addition to the closing dinner the School also held an opening social.

Semi-monthly cottage meetings are now being held for this same group as a continuation of a social and educational program.

$2 Million Temple

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Rosa, and Walnut Creek, as well as the Northern California Mission. There are 100,000 Church members in the district.

"We are trying to bring the temples to the people for so many of the people cannot come to the temples," President David O. McKay said, as he told of many worthy Latter-day Saints who live and die in distant places without ever having had the opportunity of "going to the temple."

Many of these Saints are faithful tithe payers and are living exemplary lives. In light of an examination of the costs entailed to carry on effective temple work in Northern California, the Oakland Temple District was given precedent over other contemplated sites.

President McKay said that the Oakland Temple would take care of as many doing temple ordinances as the Los Angeles Temple because the architects would take full advantage of all the new discoveries and inventions.

"The construction of Church buildings in communities seem to create good will from the neighbors in the area,"" President McKay pointed out as he told of receiving a letter from a senator in New York State congratulating him on the Palmyra Chapel in New York which he has just dedicated.

"The Lord is pleased with temple building," he concluded.

Miss Marilyn Kennedy

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Mountain View Ward

Kennedy-O'Gwin Troth Revealed

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Bench of Orem, Utah, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Marilyn Kennedy, to Carl Louis O'Gwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Carl O'Gwin of Sunnyvale. The wedding will take place March 4, in Orem. The couple are both employed at Lockheed Missiles and Space Division in Sunnyvale and will make their home in Mountain View.

Marilyn is a graduate of Orem High School and attended LDS Business College in Salt Lake City, where she was a member of Alpha Iota, business sorority. Carl, who is a recent convert to the Church, is a native of California. He is a graduate of Santa Clara High School and San Jose State College. He is a mechanical engineer at Lockheed.

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This change means increased benefits to policyowners

In making this change, the company will segregate new business from old business. The surplus of the company after the close of business on December 31, 1960, as well as all subsequent additions thereto arising in connection with business in force as of that date will be held for the sole benefit of such policyowners, and will be distributed to them from time to time as determined by the Board of Directors.

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Fall Rites for M. Swensen, Robert Harmon

The engagement of Merlynn Swensen of Oakland 3rd Ward to Robert Harmon of Berkeley 2nd Ward was recently announced by Merlynn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marriner Swensen. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Harmon of Berkeley.

Merlynn is a graduate of the University of California Library School, and is presently on the faculty of Brigham Young University. Her fiance, Robert, is a BYU graduate, presently finishing his Master's Degree in Political Science. They plan an early fall marriage.

Walnut Creek Stake

Delbert L. Stapley Walnut Creek Stake Conference Speaker

Elder Delbert L. Stapley, a member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City, was the featured speaker Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 21 and 22, in the Walnut Creek Stake.

Sunday's general sessions were held at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the East Bay Interstake Center.

Conducting the conference was Stake President Norman B. Creer, 1176 Almendra Court, Concord, California.

Elder Stapley is a prominent business executive, community leader, and scouter from Phoenix, Arizona, who has devoted his life to Church assignments since 1950. He has served the Church as a stake president and welfare leader. He is a member of the National Committee of the Boy Scouts of America.

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Claremont Ward

Claremont Ward Sets High Goals For '61 Program

By BETTY MOSS

Claremont Ward voted to support the bishopric in attaining some ambitious goals during 1961. We hope to reach a 40% attendance at Sacrament Meeting and a goal of 80% in ward teaching. We shall also work toward contributing 1% of our income to the ward budget fund to help with the maintenance and improvement of our building.

In the early planning stage is a ward welfare housing project through which we hope to take care of some of our older members in a building near the church where they will be assured of pleasant, comfortable living quarters. Some groundwork has been done in locating a lot, and Kevin Watts, an architect and former member of the ward, has agreed to make a preliminary estimate of the cost. The plan will be submitted to the General Authorities for consideration later in the year.

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To fulfill these goals for 1961, the full support of the ward will be needed. The bishopric asks for each member's support in these things to which the ward is pledged.

Claremont Ward was saddened by the deaths of Brother Herman Uffens and Brother Leland Christensen. Brother Uffens will long be remembered for his Sunday School class and for his fine singing voice. Brother Christensen has done much to help improve the ward and has spent many hours in repair and carpentry work.

We wish to extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Eunice Knecht, Ardath Christensen, and Rita Cockayne who have spent some time in the hospital this month.

Sharon and Roy Kent are the new parents of a baby boy. It is their first child.

Our congratulations to Roy Steven on the completion of his Masters Degree in civil engineering. Roy has been attending the University of California for a year and a half.

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Berkeley 2nd Ward

"Night Out" Theme Reigns Again In Ward Welfare Dinner Party

By Lettie R. Hale

Another "Night Out" dinner dancing party for adults of the Berkeley 2nd Ward will be held Saturday, Feb. 25, in the ward recreation hall with attendance limited to 100 couples.

Peggy and Lowell Flam with Marie and Sam Holmes are again chairmaning the event which will feature a delicious dinner along with organ music, dancing, games, and a floorshow, served up in a night club atmosphere but adhering to Church standards. Assisting on the committees are: Lucille Cain, floorshows; Gordon and Barabara Langlois, music; Tony Woolf, tickets and cash; Clyde Rasmussen, advertising and ticket sales.

PAUL CARPENTER

Paul Carpenter, son of Alvin and Hortense Carpenter has received his call to serve in the West German Mission, and his testimonial will be held Feb. 12, at 4:30 p.m.

Paul, now a sophomore at Brigham Young University, graduated from Berkeley High School in 1959 and is majoring in accounting and business administration.

While attending high school he graduated from three years of Seminary and received his Duty To God award.

DAVID LARSON

David Larson, son of Warren and Vaunee Larson, has received his call to serve in the Central German Mission. His farewell will be held Feb. 19, at 4:30 p.m. in the Berkeley chapel.

Elder Larson is an Eagle Scout and was prominent in class activities at El Cerrito High School, where he served as vice president of the senior class, vice chairman of the legislature, designed the student body card and was a member of the Foreign Exchange Student committee.

Now a Junior at the University of California, Dave is an honor student majoring in physics. He is a member of Tower and Flame, the Cal honor society for lower division students and a member of Lambda Delta Sigma, the LDS student fraternity.

Elder Larson and Elder Carpenter will enter the mission home and travel to Germany together.

DAISY MAE DRAG

"Snag your guy and drag him along to the Daisy Mae Drag" sponsored by the ward seminary classes. This was the warcry as young Daisy Maes were doing the asking for dates to the dancing party held Jan. 20, in the ward recreation hall. Don Carpenter, Glenn Kay, Lora Beth Larson, and Paul Glen headed up the committee for the event. Stags were admitted for 35 cents and Snags (couples to you squares) 50 cents.

Ferron Olson, member of the University Ward bishopric but residing with his family in the Berkeley 2nd Ward, received word of the death of his mother, Mrs. Harriet Olson recently. She died Jan. 14, at the home of his brother Calvin, in Vernon, Utah. Brother and Sister Olson, with daughter Kandy and son Ricky traveled to Utah for the funeral while Randy, Paul and Jeff remained in Berkeley with friends.

STAKE MISSIONARIES

Elders Calvin Kuhre and Robert Freeman were honorably released from their stake missionary duties and called into service were Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hulme. Cal and Bob were the speakers at sacrament meeting on the occasion of their release. The Bishop says he is always looking for willing and capable stake missionaries.

Leon Baer who recently suffered a heart attack, is now recuperating at home but is restricted by doctors orders from personal visits and telephone calls. Leon was released as stake clerk Jan. 14, at the general Stake priesthood meeting.

Gwen Squires is recovering satisfactorily from recent surgery.

Hazel Kimball, mother of Sister Marion Corbett, underwent a recent operation and is now recuperating at the home of her daughter.

Elder Pat Fitzgerald, Camas, Utah, is now assigned as a junior companion with Elder Wilson serving in the Berkeley area. Elder Fitzgerald is a cousin of Barbara Hulme.

Recent ordinations in the Aaronic Priesthood: Deacon, Harvey Hulme; Teachers, Peter Rowland, Mike Allison, and Wayne Hale. Baptized and confirmed members of the Church were Scott Stephenson and Bill Bourke. Bill will be attending BYU for graduate work next quarter.

Kent Rasmussen recently replied to a query in General Motors "American Youth" magazines and his answer was published in the national magazine. The question: "Is it necessary to be a good dancer to be popular?"

University Ward

Three Betrothals, A Wedding Told

By ANNA BUSHMAN

Laureen Seegmiller and Richard Nolder of University Ward will be married on Jan. 27, in the St. George temple. Following the wedding, a reception will be held for them in Saint George. Laureen has been, until recently, a member of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake Sunday School Board. She teaches school in San Leandro. Richard is an assistant in the University Ward Sunday School superintendency and is a graduate student at the University of California.

The engagement of Jean Merrill and Robert Wilson was announced during the Christmas holidays at an open house at the home of Jean's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm Merrill of Berkeley 1st Ward. Jean and Bob plan to be married in the Logan temple early in September. They will live in Berkeley. Jean is a senior at the University of California. She is majoring in child development and is also taking her elementary teacher's credential. She is president of Lambda Delta Sigma. Bob is 2nd counselor in the bishopric and is obtaining his masters degree in industrial relations at the University of California.

MARLENE SWIN

Marlene Swin and Victor Nielsen announced their engagement Jan. 15, at a party given by Bar Dee Stowell. Marlene and Vic are both students at the University of California. They plan to be married in the Salt Lake temple after graduation this June. Vic will begin service with the armed forces soon after the wedding.

Helen Holt and N. Dee Lewis were married in the Los Angeles temple on Jan. 25. After the wedding, they will live in Albany. Dee is a junior, majoring in engineering, at the University of California. He is also center fielder on the Cal baseball team. Helen has been teaching school in Sacramento.

Phil Koldewyn returned to Berkeley last month. He had been in Spain and France since early in July. During the summer he was associated with the Experiment in International Living and during the Fall he was in charge of a group of language majors from Dartmouth who were studying at the University of Salamanco. Phil will resume his studies at the University of California this spring semester. He will also be a teaching assistant there.

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President McKay Dedicates Chapel Near Site of Church's Founding

David O. McKay, 88-year-old president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, dedicated a new chapel in Palmyra, N. Y., Sunday, Jan. 15.

This is an event of particular significance to the 1,700,000 Mormons throughout the world since it was near here that the Church was founded 130 years ago.

Joseph Smith, first prophet-president of the Church, a native of Vermont, was living at Palmyra at the time he received heavenly visitations, which resulted in the "restoration of the gospel in the latter days." The Church was formally organized with six members at Fayette, near the present city of Waterloo in nearby Seneca County, on April 6, 1830.

It was from the Hill Cumorah, near Palmyra, that Joseph Smith unearthed the golden plates which contained the records and history of the early inhabitants of the Western Hemisphere which constitute the Book of Mormon. The book was first published in Palmyra in 1830.

A religious-historical pageant, "America's Witness for Christ," is presented on the Hill Cumorah each summer by the church, which maintains a bureau of information and several memorials to early Church history in this vicinity.

PALMYRA CHAPEL, dedicated by David O. McKay, (inset, right) is located near Joseph Smith's boyhood home. Joseph ,inset, left) was 14 at the ime of his first vision.

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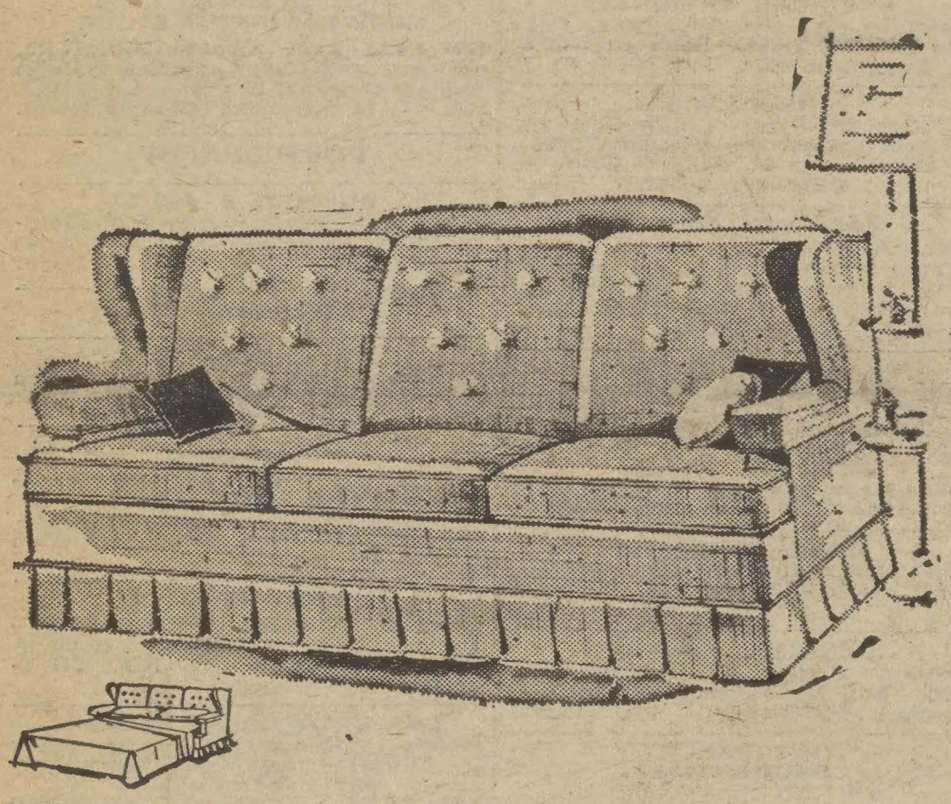

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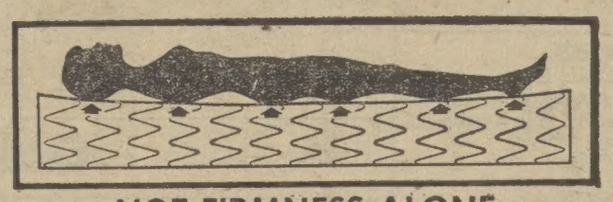

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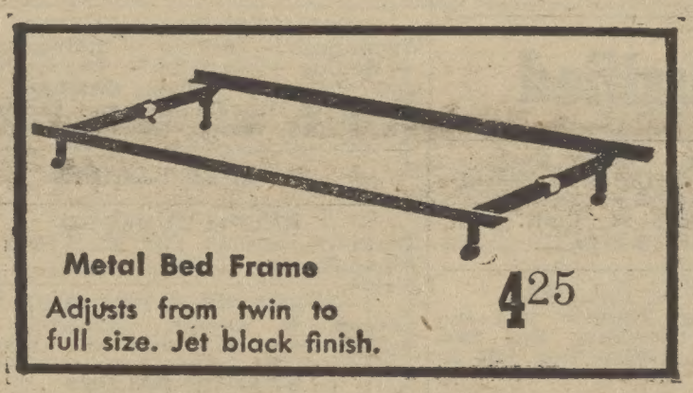

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